

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item 15(C)1

TO:

Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro and

Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: April 24, 2007

FROM: Honorable Harvey Ruvin, Clerk

Circuit and County Courts

SUBJECT: Appointment of Joanne Feuerman

and Diana Susi to the Dial-A-Life

Program Advisory and Oversight

Board

Kay Sullivan, Director Clerk of the Board Division

It is recommended that the Board consider the appointment of Ms. Joanne Feuerman and Ms. Diana Susi to fill two vacancies on the Dial-A-Life Program Advisory and Oversight Board.

Section 2-1312 of the Miami-Dade County Code established the Dial-A-Life Program Advisory and Oversight Board to oversee the collection and distribution of donated cellular and/or mobile telephones to eligible members of the community. The current vacancies on the Board must be filled by one member of the Miami-Dade County Domestic Violence Oversight Board and one representative from a community based organization dedicated to supporting families with at-risk or disabled children.

Ms. Vaughn Tooley, Executive Director, Domestic Violence Oversight Board, is presenting the nomination of Ms. Feuerman as a qualified candidate to fill the vacant seat to be filled by a member of the Domestic Violence Oversight Board. Ms. Carmen Williams, Dial-A-Life Board Secretary has forwarded the name of Ms. Susi, President, AYUDA, Inc., as a qualified candidate to fill the vacant seat to be filled by a community based organization dedicated to supporting families with at-risk or disabled children.

The letters of interest and resumes submitted by Ms. Feuerman and Ms. Susi are attached for your information.

KS:fcd Attachments Ms. Carmen Williams
Miami-Dade Communications Department
111 NW 1 Street Suite 2510
Miami, Florida 33128

March 23, 20007

Dear Ms. Williams:

I would like to serve on the Dial-A-Life Advisory and Oversight Board as the Domestic Violence Oversight Board representative. I have enclosed my resume, as requested.

Sincerely yours,

Joanne Feuerman, LCSW

QUERK, CIRCUIT & COUNTY COURTS

CONSULTANT - COUNSELOR PSYCHIATRIC / MEDICAL SOCIAL WORKER

QUALIFICATIONS

In-depth background of experience and education in many environments including Health Care Agencies, Hospitals, Mental Health Clinics and Government Agencies with participation in the decision-making processes.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1991 to Present

PSYCHOTHERAPIST IN PRIVATE PRACTICE

Center for Counseling, Miami, Florida

- Furnish counseling to private patients
- Provide individual and group therapy to adults and children

1987 to 1996

MEDICAL SOCIAL WORKER

Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center,

University of Miami Hospital & Clinics, Miami, Florida

- Furnished counseling to private patients and their families
- Performed discharge planning procedures
- Supervised other members of the department
- Acted as liaison with the University of Miami Medical School for the Organ Donation program
- Served on the Quality Assurance Committee

1984 to 1987

CONSULTANT

Broward Home Health Agency, Fort Lauderdale, Florida Home Health Agency of the United States, Hallandale, Florida Gold Coast South Home Health Agency, Hollywood, Florida

- Successfully resolved at least 80% of patient and family problems
- Provided resource information to recently hospitalized patients
- Provided counseling for emotional / psychiatric problems

1979 to 1984

MEDICAL / PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORKER

Humana Hospital Biscayne, Miami, Florida

- Furnished counseling to patients and their families
- Provided counseling in a group environment
- Performed discharge planning procedures
- Supervised social work students seeking undergraduate and graduate degrees

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (Continued)

PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORKER 1978 to 1979 Henderson Clinic, Fort Lauderdale, Florida Provided individual and group therapy to youths and adults 1977 to 1978 SOCIAL WORKER Broward County Housing Authority, Fort Lauderdale, Florida Provided therapy to low rent housing recipients MEDICAL SOCIAL WORKER 1975 to 1977 Humana Hospital Biscayne, Miami, Florida Provided resources and counseling to patients and their families **EDUCATION** 1979 MASTERS DEGREE IN SOCIAL WORK Barry University, Miami Shores, Florida MASTERS DEGREE IN HISTORY 1972 University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN ART HISTORY 1964 Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, New York

LICENSES

- Clinical Social Worker
- Certified Case Manager

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- National Association of Social Workers
- Academy of Certified Social Workers
- Clinical Faculty Florida International University
- Member, Long-term Care Task Force of South Florida Hospital Association

REFERENCES

Professional and personal references available upon request



DIANA SUSI 1375 NORTH BISCAYNE POINT ROAD MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA 33141

Ms. Carmen Williams Miami-Dade Communications 111 NW 1 Street, Suite 2510 Miami, FL 33128

April 10th, 2007

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SLERK, CIRCUIT & COUNTY COURT
COUNTY COURT

Re:

The Ordinance amending Section 2-1312 of the Code relating to the Dial-A-Life Board to add a new position (representative from a community based organization dedicated to supporting families with at-risk or disabled children) on the board has been approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

Dear Ms. Williams:

Let this letter express my interest of this new position. Attached please see my resume. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at anytime.

Respectfully yours,

Diana Susi, MSW President AYUDA, Inc.

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DIANA SUSI

1375 North Biscayne Point Road Miami Beach, Florida 33141 Phone (305) 865-4281

SUMMARY

Marriage and Family Therapist. Rehabilitation Service Provider. Addictions Counselor, Educator.

WORK HISTORY

1986 - Present

Director of Happy Kids Childcare Centers, Developed Educational and Counseling Programs at: 7118 Byron Avenue, 2217 Normandy Drive, 1700 Jefferson Avenue, 7625 Byron Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida. President, CEO Ayuda, Inc., a non-profit organization in charge of Grants Development and Fund Raising for Early Childhood Scholarships, Teenage students, and Elderly population.

1986 - 1996

Administrative Director of Stamen Comprehensive Center, Inc. which owned and operated North Beach Tutoring Services located at 1171 –71 Street, Miami Beach, Florida

1983 - 1986

Woods Rehabilitation Services, Orlando, Florida. Regional Representative. Visiting Nurses Association, Miami, Florida. Visiting Social Worker. Association for the Development of the Exceptional, Miami Beach. Women and Children's Resource Center, Miami Beach, Florida.

1980 - 1981

Coordinator and Supervisor of CETA – A Program of Job Training of Latin Adolescents and placement in summer jobs.

1978 - Present

Individual and Family Therapist. Public School Liaison. Domestic Violence and Homeless Prevention Activities.

EDUCATION

Masters Degree in Social Work – Barry University, 5/1978. Major in Counseling.
Minor in Business Administration.
Bachelors of Science from the University of Miami, 1974.

TRAINED

Jackson Memorial Hospital counseling patients in critical care unit, 1977-1978. Mailman Center for Child Development, Miami, 1975-1976.

PERSONAL

Fluent in Spanish.

Member of the following Chambers of Commerce: Miami Beach, South Beach, Miami Beach Latin. Aventura Market Council, North Beach Development Corporation. City of Miami Beach Neighborhood First Oversight Committee.

Committee member on the Status of Women, City of Miami. Member of the following Organizations: Cuban Women's Club, Kiwanis Club of Miami Beach, Women for Human Rights, National Association of Social Workers, and National Association for the Education of the Young Child. Dade Community Foundation Miamian's Working Together in Miami Beach. Life member of Hadassah.



DIANA SUSI

SPECIAL HONORS AND RECOGNITION.

December 1999	Recipient of Father Albert Cutie – Father Albert – Channel 31, Award for
	dedicating 22 years of her life to help needy children.

Recipient of the Key to Miami-Dade County. November 1999 Recipient of the Key to the City of Miami Beach.

Proclamation given by Florida House of Representatives - Tallahassee.

Proclamation given by the City of Key Biscayne.

Finalist CHAW'S 1999 Vivian Salazar Quevedo woman of Year Award. August 1999

Nominee for Monsignor Bryan Walsh Outstanding Human Service Professional June 1999

Award.

March 1998 Recipient "Woman Worth Knowing" Award - Miami Beach Commission on

the Status of Women.

February 1998 Nominee Miami Dade County Medal of Service - Civic Service.

Recipient One of the Most Outstanding Personalities in Miami Beach - Miami December 1997

Beach Latin Chamber of Commerce.

Nominee for Leadership Award - Centro Comunitario Hispano. October 1997

Nominee Director of the Year Award - Metro-Dade Child Development May 1997

Services.

Recipient - Unity Award for Community Service Work - Hispanic Affairs November 1996

Committee, City of Miami Beach.

Nominee Miami Herald's Charles Whited Spirit of Excellence Award. July 1996

April 1996 Recipient of Proclamations given by: Metro Dade County, City of Miami and

City of Miami Beach.

April 1996 Recipient Special Award - Community Development Week - City of Miami

Beach.

June 1995 Hadassah Service Award – Hadassah International.

April 1995 Floridana Especial - Cuban Women's Club

January 1993 Most Valuable and Distinguished Service - City of Miami Beach.

November 1992 Proclamation for the Betterment of the City and Service to its Citizens - City of

Miami Beach.